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TO

The Honourable Court

The House of

COMMONS

Now assembled in Parliament.

The humble Petition of many hundred thousands, inhabiting within the thir-
teene Shires of W A L E S.

Directed to the House the 12. of February, 1641.
shewing their manifold grievances, for which
they desire redresse from the Parliament.

With their motion that their Country may be more
strongly fortified with Ammunition of Armes.

And how they freely proffer themselves to assist
the Protestants in Ireland.



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The humble Petition of many persons
abounding, insinuating with the
true spirit of Warre.

Diligently to the House of Commons, for Assembly, 1641.
Presenting their resolution of concord for safety
and welfare from the Parliament.

With their motion that their Country may be more
honourably provided with Ammunition to Armour.

And now they freely pray the Parliament to give
the Petitioners a hearing.

London, 1641.

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The humble Petition of many hundred thousands, inhabiting within the thirteene Shires of Wales :

Hat the manifold pressures, under which we have groaned these many yeares, have beeene by you endeavoured to be reformed, and amended by your unwearied labors, and incessant consultations. Yet notwithstanding your sedulous vigilancies hath wrastled with those extreme disturbances, and distempers in the Kingdome: We still finde our many inconveniences arising afresh, to the great amazement and discouragement of his Majesties loyall Subjects. Wherefore our humble motion is, that your Hoours would seriously

riously revolve the still growing miseries, under
 which we have bee[n], and are now subjected: that
 you would be graciously pleased to adde a period to
 the calamities which are pressed upon us. The dis-
 fusive current of these grievances distill from one
 originall spring, and that we conceive to be a ma-
 lignant party, and faction, who build obstructions
 against your deliberate and judicious determina-
 tions; who cast scandalous aspersions upon what hath
 bee[n] by you enacted; and labour to nullifie, or at
 least to extenuate in a repugnant opposition, what
 you are in agitation to instigate. The boldnesse of
 these malevolent adversaries hath too audaciously
 outdane the very fundamental lawes, and hath trea-
 cherously studied to subvert the foundation, upon
 which the Justice and Religion of this Nation is
 firmly built and establisht. We earnestly there-
 fore entreat your Honours maturely to consider their
 malicious intents, and daily practises against the
 State; which if they be not seasonably castigated in
 time, before their infant conspiracies grow to the
 prime height of their ripe perfection, they will then
 become incorrigible. Yet withall wee impartially
 acknowledge your sedulity in correcting and seque-
 string them, but your endeavours have still bee[n]
 frustrate and retarded, by reason of their abounding
 malignitie. And whereas divers high taxations have
 bee[n] oftentimes imposed on us; wee did alwayes
 upon the consideration of the same, expect a refor-
 mation; but as yct wee have found little or no re-
 dresse; the cause of which we neither conceive, or
 suspect

suspect to be produced by you, but principally by the calumnious suggestions of that factious party; which we desire may be excluded and expelled the House of Peeres: Thus the liberty of the Subject is trampled downe, the Trades decay in the whole Kingdom, and for our parts, our Estates are so miserably wasted by heavy impositions, that without your propitious relief we shall perish with our Wives and Families; and Cattell which is the chiefest mine of our Countrey, have been bought, and driven from us by whole flockes and heards at once, some transported into *Ireland*, and others into most parts of *England*, so that unlesse some sudden redresse be speedily occasioned by you, we shall be impoverished: our serious motion is therefore, that your Honours would be pleased to vindicate the abusive wrongs done unto our Countrey, and that you would speedily ease us of this burden of misery, which we are no longer able to support. And whereas we especially have alwayes shewn our loyalty to his Majesty, our awfull obedience unto you, obsequitiously subscribing to what you have been pleased to impose upon us; yet notwithstanding we are disrespected, and shamefully derided with ludibrious contempt more than any other Countrey whatsoever; wherefore we beseech you that the authours, urgers, or suggesters of the same may be found out, and known, yea and suffer exemplary and condigne punishment for their reproaching us, according to their just demerits; for otherwise we can conceive this Epidemicall derision of us to be nothing else, but a

scorning derestation to our known fidelity (which as we have hitherto kept, so shall still continue inviolable) this grievance especially, unlesse it be amended, will become a great discouragement to all our Countreymen.

We desire likewise that Learning be not too much discountenanced and contemned, but rather that it may be advanced to its former dignity: for it is a most ignominious, shamefull, blasphemous, and unknowne thing; yea, most incongruous both to the Word of God, and common reason too, that Cobblers, and Doctors of Divinity should be equall competitors. Thus if Scholarship be defaced, *England* (the glory of all Nations lately) is suddenly like to degenerate, and decline from its former splendor, and so consequently become barbarous. Yet we speak not this in behalfe of any, for we call God to witnessse, and our own actions can teskifie as much, that whomsoever your Honours shall finde culpable, and delinquent, we desire may be prosecuted according to the due processe of Law, and (if the atrocity of the crime require it) be fully executed according to the justice of the Realme. But amidst all our own calamities especially, we cannot omit that of *Ireland*, to hear of the condoleable misery of the Protestant party, and the inhumane tyranny of those hellish Rebels: they have been in wofull distresse a long time, and yet almost destitute of relief, till of late your Honours have been moved to commiserate their distressed estates; and as you have begun, so we beseech you proceed, and continue in the same progres-
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sion of mercy and charity, that the first beginning
 of Reformation do not initiate in cruel oppositions,
 and that the foundation whereon that Reformation
 should be established, be not written with the chara-
 cters, and inscription of blood. For our parts, we
 will to the uttermost of our powers labour to repell,
 and divert the furious rage of those tyrants, and will to
 the end of our lives stand in the defence, and mainte-
 nance of Protestant Religion. What we now crave
 more, is your muquall concordance with his Maje-
 sty, that you may both concur in a co-unite cor-
 respondency of opinions, that the weighty affaires
 of the Kingdom may be deliberated with more facil-
 ity, and that whatsoever you consult of, may tend to
 the honour of God, the peace, safety, and tranquil-
 lity of the Land: that the malignant insolency of
 the Recusant party may be more easily curbed ;
 that delinquents may be called to their trials, be pu-
 nished, and suffer just execution, according as they
 have promerited, with expedition: least they should
 break out, and hatch new conspiracies, and so con-
 taminate the more ~~Andere~~ ^{bddy} that the manifold
 abuses to our Countrey be respectively vindicated ;
 that the confusions, divisions, distractions, and dis-
 turances may be allayed in a peacefull mitigation ;
 that the Divine Worship of God be no longer pro-
 phaned, but that it may rather be settled speedily in
 a purer way ; that a clearer way may be opened for
 Trading and Merchandise ; that especially this be-
 ing duly considered, that we may be better fortified,
 and provided with Ammunition of Armes, and
 other

other military Hostility, that so we may be more able to encounter with any forraigne Enemy, that shall presume to oppose, or invade the British Nation. That thus being armed against any opposition, we may more freely enjoy the peace and liberty of our Consciences, and estates; to the great comfort of his Majesty, the immortall fame of your Honour, with the safety and prosperity of the whole Kingdom.

Thus your Petitioners shall be bound to pray for the happy successe of your consultations, that the Divine Providence of Almighty God may direct and prosper all your deliberations, &c.

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